

What is claimed is:

1. A method for sharing selected information in a data item in a first source with a second source, the first 5 source operating on a selected time reference, the data item being associated with a time, the method comprising:

receiving a time range within which times associated with data items in the first source which would otherwise be considered according to the selected time 10 reference should be considered according to a second time reference in the second source;

determining whether the time associated with the data item is within the time range; and

15 storing the selected information and the time associated with the data item in the second source, the associated time being considered according to the second time reference in the second source when it is determined that the associated time is within the time range.

20 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the selected time reference includes a time zone, and the second time reference includes another time zone.

25 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the data item concerns a time-sensitive event.

30 4. The method of claim 3 further comprising adjusting a time of sending an alert about the time-sensitive event when it is determined that the associated time is within the time range.

5. The method of claim 3 wherein the time sensitive event includes an appointment.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the first source  
5 includes a personal information manager (PIM).

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the second source includes a database accessible through an information service.

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8. The method of claim 7 wherein the information service is provided by an operator.

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9. The method of claim 1 wherein the second source includes a database accessible through a communications connection.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the communications connection includes an Internet connection.

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11. The method of claim 9 wherein the communications connection includes a voice connection.

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12. The method of claim 1 further comprising showing the associated time from the second source with an indicator indicating that the associated time is according to a time reference different than the selected time reference.

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13. A method for sharing selected information in a data item in a first source with a second source, the first

source operating on a selected time reference, the data item being associated with a time, the method comprising:

    determining whether the data item includes at least one time-reference indicator;

5      identifying a second time reference based on one of the at least one time-reference indicator when it is determined that the data item includes at least one time-reference indicator; and

10     storing the selected information and the time associated with the data item in the second source, the associated time which would otherwise be considered according to the selected time reference being considered according to the second time reference in the second source after the second time reference is identified.

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    14. The method of claim 13 wherein the at least one time-reference indicator indicating a time zone.

20     15. The method of claim 14 wherein the at least one time-reference indicator includes an abbreviation of the time zone.

25     16. The method of claim 13 wherein the at least one time-reference indicator includes a plurality of time-reference indicators, the method further comprising selecting from the plurality of time-reference indicators a controlling time-reference indicator in accordance with a predetermined priority scheme, the controlling time-reference indicator indicating the second time reference.

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    17. The method of claim 16 wherein the predetermined priority scheme determines priority of each

time-reference indicator based on a location of the time-reference indicator in the data item.

18. The method of claim 13 wherein the data item  
5 concerns a time-sensitive event.

19. The method of claim 18 further comprising  
adjusting a time of sending an alert about the time-sensitive event after the second time reference is  
10 identified.

20. The method of claim 18 wherein the time sensitive event includes an appointment.

15 21. The method of claim 13 wherein the first source includes a PIM.

22. The method of claim 13 wherein the second source includes a database accessible through an information  
20 service.

23. The method of claim 22 wherein the information service is provided by an operator.

25 24. The method of claim 13 wherein the second source includes a database accessible through a communications connection.

30 25. The method of claim 24 wherein the communications connection includes an Internet connection.

26. The method of claim 24 wherein the communications connection includes a voice connection.

27. The method of claim 13 further comprising  
5 showing the associated time from the second source with the time-reference indicator indicating the second time reference.

28. A system for sharing selected information in a  
10 data item in a first source with a second source, the first source operating on a selected time reference, the data item being associated with a time, the system comprising:

an interface for receiving a time range within  
which times associated with data items in the first source  
15 which would otherwise be considered according to the selected time reference should be considered according to a second time reference in the second source;

20 a processing unit for determining whether the time associated with the data item is within the time range; and

25 a database for storing the selected information and the time associated with the data item in the second source, the associated time being considered according to the second time reference in the second source when it is determined that the associated time is within the time range.

29. The system of claim 28 wherein the selected time reference includes a time zone, and the second time reference includes another time zone.

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30. The system of claim 28 wherein the data item concerns a time-sensitive event.

31. The system of claim 30 wherein a time of sending an alert about the time-sensitive event is adjusted when it is determined that the associated time is within the time range.

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32. The system of claim 30 wherein the time sensitive event includes an appointment.

10 33. The system of claim 28 wherein the first source includes a PIM.

34. The system of claim 28 wherein the database is accessible through an information service.

15 35. The system of claim 34 wherein the information service is provided by an operator.

36. The system of claim 28 wherein the database is accessible through a communications connection.

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37. The system of claim 36 wherein the communications connection includes an Internet connection.

25 38. The system of claim 36 wherein the communications connection includes a voice connection.

30 39. The system of claim 28 wherein the associated time from the database is shown with an indicator indicating that the associated time is according to a time reference different than the selected time reference.

40. A system for sharing selected information in a data item in a first source with a second source, the first source operating on a selected time reference, the data item being associated with a time, the system comprising:

5           a processing unit for determining whether the data item includes at least one time-reference indicator, a second time reference being identified based on one of the at least one time-reference indicator when it is determined that the data item includes at least one time-reference  
10           indicator; and

              a database for storing the selected information and the time associated with the data item in the second source, the associated time which would otherwise be considered according to the selected time reference being  
15           considered according to the second time reference in the second source after the second time reference is identified.

41. The system of claim 40 wherein the at least one time-reference indicator indicating a time zone.

20           42. The system of claim 41 wherein the at least one time-reference indicator includes an abbreviation of the time zone.

25           43. The system of claim 40 wherein the at least one time-reference indicator includes a plurality of time-reference indicators, the method further comprising selecting from the plurality of time-reference indicators a controlling time-reference indicator in accordance with a  
30           predetermined priority scheme, the controlling time-reference indicator indicating the second time reference.

44. The system of claim 43 wherein the predetermined priority scheme determines priority of each time-reference indicator based on a location of the time-reference indicator in the data item.

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45. The system of claim 40 wherein the data item concerns a time-sensitive event.

10 46. The system of claim 45 wherein a time of sending an alert about the time-sensitive event is adjusted after the second time reference is identified.

15 47. The system of claim 45 wherein the time sensitive event includes an appointment.

48. The system of claim 40 wherein the first source includes a PIM.

20 49. The system of claim 40 wherein the database is accessible through an information service.

50. The system of claim 49 wherein the information service is provided by an operator.

25 51. The system of claim 40 wherein the database is accessible through a communications connection.

30 52. The system of claim 51 wherein the communications connection includes an Internet connection.

53. The system of claim 51 wherein the communications connection includes a voice connection.

54. The system of claim 40 wherein the associated time from the database is shown with the time-reference indicator indicating the second time reference.